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Congress of the United States
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February 23, 1993

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Mr. James H. Quello
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

Enclosed please find several letters I have received from my constituents in opposition to proposed rules being promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission which would negatively impact their use of radio controlled model airplanes.

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TO THE
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JOHN T. MEYERS
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Robert G. Dexter
2158 Ulen Lane
Lafayette, IN
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DEAR SIR

The Federal Communications Comm.
(F.C.C.) has issued a Notice of
Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR
Docket 92-235) which if implemented
will have a devastating effect on
~~model aircraft~~ frequency use, and
for all good reason will destroy model
aircraft using these assigned
frequencies.

I'm retired and have spent most
of my life in model aviation.

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75 to 95 M.P.A.

Our club operates from a public
Park (McAlister Pierfront Park) and
since the summer season has been

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Dear REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MYERS,

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. *LAST YEAR, WE HAD 120 MEMBERS*

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 Mhz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidth and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 Mhz band.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Ice

AMA # 8353

IMAA # 261

Edward A. Ice
5122 N 15th St.
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The Honorable Representative John T. Myers
2372 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Myers:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in two local clubs whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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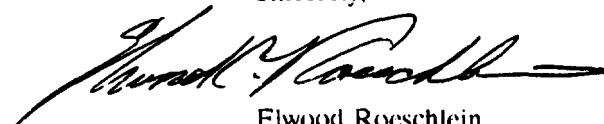
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Elwood Roeschlein
AMA 164898

MR. ELWOOD C. ROESCHLEIN
3115 W. 82 ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46268

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The Honorable John T. Myers
U.S House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Myers

I am an avid Radio Control Airplane hobbyist. I find it a very relaxing way to get away from the pressures of my job. Recently I have also started sharing the fun of flying with my six year old son. I find it enjoyable to have a hobby that he can join me in.

I am writing in regards to the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) proposal PR Docket 92-235. The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies in the 72-76 MHZ band, by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. I would like voice my objection to this action. The members of my flying club use very great caution to avoid any radio interference to our planes. This new proposal would cause a lot of problems beyond our control.

Some of my airplanes weigh over ten pounds and can travel at over 100 miles per hour. Many in my club have even bigger and faster airplanes which could cause considerable damage or injury. The sudden lose of control would create a very dangerous situation. Some of the proposed frequencies are within .025 MHZ of our radios. The technical specifications for the new equipment would allow them to be directly on our signal. The resulting jamming would cause the total lose of control of our airplane. The new channels are designated as mobile so we wouldn't know when they might start transmitting on our own field or the highway running along side it.

The hobby as a whole has just finished a conversion to new equipment to avoid any problems from the existing commercial channels in between ours and this proposal would make them obsolete. Over the last few years I have bought three radios at a total of over 600 dollars. I know many members of my club have spend considerably more. With all of the money spent fighting the "bad" hobbies, such as smoking, drugs and alcohol I don't believe it is fair to be making most of the channels of our fun, clean and, at present, safe hobby unusable.

Please help me continue to enjoy my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHZ band.

Sincerely,

John Lawyer
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P.O. Box 116

Roachdale, IN 46172

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John & Connie Foster
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Lafayette, IN 47903

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HA stated there is no record of any information on the subject being discussed in the local files. The subject was born [redacted] in [redacted] and joined the [redacted] in [redacted]. He was [redacted] about [redacted] and [redacted] in [redacted]. It is noted the subject was [redacted] in [redacted] and [redacted] in [redacted].

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When we fly our model airplanes, we do so for leisure. In assuring the safety of the operations and bystanders and the protection of property, many of our safety precautions involve the careful use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of units registered is quadrupled, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the model air craft will be greatly decreased.

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John F Foster
Connie Foster

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February 12, 1993

The Honorable John Myers
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Myers:

Please take a moment from your busy schedule to allow me to voice my concern. I am a member of a local club in Terre Haute which operates radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Honorable John Meyers
2372 RHOB
Washington D.C. 20515-1407

Dear Sir

Glen L. Collins
7477 N 38 St.
Terre Haute, IN 47805

I been interested in aviation for all my 55 years. And would love to fly the real thing. But settled for the next best, Radio Controlled ~~Model~~ Airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76MHz band. This band is primarily used for private

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Honorable John T. Meyers,

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled ~~model~~ airplanes.

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to continue operating their aircraft in a conscientious manner. This will crowd them together on the remaining frequencies which lends itself to other types of safety problems.

Please review this situation and do that which is within your power to defeat this proposal.

Sincerely

James B. Lane

First Class FCC License #	PG-18-19968
AMA License	96096
Radio Control flyer since	1968